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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
FROM: Assistant to Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT: Request for funds to purchase quartz crystals.

Amount: \$350,000

Proposal: To purchase 150,000 quartz crystals, over and above those now on order, for use in Agency radio networks.

Discussion: A survey of Agency radio networks has indicated a need for expansion of the program for procurement of quartz radio crystals.

In view of rising prices and a procurement lead time of from 18 to 24 months it is desired to start procurement of the crystals now.

There is nothing in the memorandum requesting the funds which indicates how the figure of 150,000 crystals was determined. The PRC should satisfy itself on this point when the project is discussed with the Director of Communications.

Recommend: Approval.

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